

Housing: Montana's Economic Edge
2008 Montana Housing Conference
June 10-12, 2008 • Holiday Inn • Great Falls, MT

Registration fee: \$150.00 on or before May 30; \$175.00 *after* May 30, 2008

Scholarships available – please call the Montana HomeOwnership Network, 866-587-2244

Register at http://housing.mt.gov/Hous_Conf_Training.asp

Accommodations:

Conference Hotel – [Holiday Inn Great Falls](#) – Fees: \$89 per room per night – 85 rooms blocked until May 9th
(400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405 • Toll Free Reservations: 877-863-4780)

[Best Western Heritage Inn](#) / Fees: \$91 per room per night – 25 rooms blocked until May 9th
(1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT, 59404 • Toll Free Reservations: 800-548-8256)

[LaQuinta Great Falls](#) / Fees: \$109 per room per night – 25 rooms blocked until May 9th
(600 River Drive South, Great Falls, MT 59405 • Phone: 406-761-2600)

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Tuesday, June 10:

Early bird training:

9:00am – 5:00pm

Plan for Organizational Success:

Clarify Board Roles, Understand Financial Statements, Identify & Implement Strategic Objectives

Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Manufactured Housing – A Key to Affordable Housing's Future

George McCarthy, Ford Foundation

Stacey Epperson, Frontier Housing, Moorehead, KY

Paul Bradley, ROC-USA

HomeOwnership for American Indians – the Ins and Outs of 184 Loans

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

10:00am – 5:00pm

Pushing the Envelope

Alistair Jackson, O'Brien and Company, Seattle, WA

Permanent Affordability Using Land trusts –

Community Frameworks, Spokane, WA

6:00pm

Evening reception at NeighborWorks Great Falls HomeOwnership Learning Center
followed by a no-host evening at the World Famous 'Sip-N-Dip Lounge'

<http://www.ohairemotorinn.com/?p=sipanddip>

Wednesday, June 11:

7:30am – 8:15am Breakfast

8:30am – 10:00am Opening Plenary Session

Welcoming Remarks – Sheila Rice

Dona Stebbins, Mayor of Great Falls

Introduction of Governor – Bruce Brensdal

“Address on Housing”

Governor Brian Schweitzer (invited)

Montana Housing Report – Montana Department of Commerce Staff

10:00am – 10:15am Break

10:30am – 12:00pm Breakout sessions

Getting to Scale – How to Build Lots of Affordable Housing

Eddie Latimer -- Affordable Housing Resources, Nashville, TN

Stacey Epperson – Frontier Housing, Moorehead, KY

Marketing Strategies in Difficult Economic Times

Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Federal Programs Updates and Advances

US Department of Agriculture Rural Development

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Best of Community Development Block Grant and Housing

Housing Division, Montana Department of Commerce

Tax Credits – The Good and the Bad

Salish-Kootenai Housing Authority

Blackfeet Housing Authority

Fort Belknap Housing Authority

12:15pm – 1:15pm Lunch Session

Paul Bishop, Managing Director, Research – National Association of Realtors

A National View of Affordable and Workforce Housing

Convention Center

Wednesday, June 11 (continued)

1:30pm – 3:00pm Breakout sessions:

Land Use Planning – A Key to Affordability

Jeff Rupp, Bozeman City Commission
Stan Keasling, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Jim Moses – First Interstate Bank, Jackson Hole, WY
Mike Loftin, Homewise, Santa Fe, NM

Foreclosure Mitigation – Surviving the Tsunami

NeighborWorks America

Preserving Manufactured Housing Communities

Julie Flynn, Flynn Consulting
Tammy Hoth, Mountain Springs Villa Residents Association
Paul Bradley, ROC-USA, New Hampshire
Mark Lundren, Utah Resident-Owned-Communities

Visibility and Enhanced Accessibility: Creating Housing and Communities Welcoming to All

Michael O’Neil, AWARE, Inc. and Montana Home Choice Coalition
Montana Accessibility Ambassadors

Tax Credit Requirements from the Investor and the State of Montana

Raymond James Tax Credit Fund
Mountain Plains Equity Group
Montana Board of Housing
Tribal representatives

3:15pm – 4:45pm Breakout sessions:

Addressing the Rising Costs of Construction

Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
Dr. Pat Barkey, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research

Land Trusts 101 – Will They Work for Your Community?

Sandy Wood, Community Frameworks
Bob Oaks and Jerry Petasek, North Missoula CDC

Using Tax Credits to Build Very Low Income Housing

Corporation for Supportive Housing

Structuring a Tax Credit Deal

Mountain Plains Equity Group
Gene Leuwer, Rocky Mountain Development Corporation
Mountain West Bank

Tax Credit Compliance – What’s New and What’s Needed?

Raymond James Tax Credit Fund
Mountain Plains Equity Group
Montana Board of Housing
Tribal Representatives

6:00pm Evening reception

Sponsored by the Montana Association of Realtors
Introducing Montana’s Workforce Housing Initiative

Thursday, June 12:

7:30am – 8:10am Consolidated plan breakfast

Sponsored by the Housing Division, Montana Department of Commerce

8:10am – 8:15am A Word from our Sponsor – Tim German, Sparrow Development

8:15am – 8:40am Plenary session

Recognizing the True Costs of Homelessness

Dennis P. Culhane, Ph.D, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice

8:45am – 10:15am Breakout sessions:

Getting to Green: The Case for Green Building in Affordable Housing

Heather McMilin, homeWORD	John Freer, Riverworks, Inc.
Paul Tschida, MT DEQ	Larry Gallagher, HUD, MT

Who Ya Gonna Call? Community Planning for Affordable Housing

Cal Scott, Glacier Affordable Housing Committee
Duane Ferdinand, Lewistown Affordable Housing Task Force
Montana Housing Division, Community Development Block Grant Program

Housing in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

Eddie Latimer -- Affordable Housing Resources, Baton Rouge, LA

Tax Credit Compliance Questions and Answers

Raymond James Tax Credit Fund	Mountain Plains Equity Group
Montana Board of Housing	Tribal Representatives

10:15am – 10:30am Break

10:30am – 12:00pm Breakout sessions:

Effective Community Responses to Homelessness

Dennis P. Culhane, Ph.D, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice
Montana Council on Homelessness
Homeless Continuum of Care

Converting Schools and Hospitals to Housing

Duane Ferdinand, City of Lewistown
Marvin Quinlen, Forsyth

Developing Senior Cooperative Housing

Brian Gion, Montana Cooperative Development Center
Pam LaMere, Julie Foster, Terry McKinley, Larry Gallagher

Indian Housing Roundtables

12:15pm – 1:30pm Lunch Session

Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Programs,
USDA Rural Development, Washington, D.C.
Conference Closing Celebration

OPTIONAL TOURS: 2:00pm – 5:00pm (included in conference registration)

Transportation is not provided.

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
C.M. Russell Museum
NeighborWorks projects

(<http://www.the-square.org/>)
(<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/lcic/>)
(<http://www.cmruessell.org/>)
(<http://nwgreatfalls.org/>)